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1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) FEBRUARY 3 CITED FNLA HQ COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BIE (ANGOLA) FEBRUARY 2 TO EFFECT THAT MPLA JET AIRCRAFT HAD THAT MORNING BOMBARDED FOR THREE HOURS IN REGION OF CASSONGUE AND THE CATHOLIC MISSION AT JANJO KILLING TWO SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING 10 OTHERS. BOMBARDMENT ALSO KILLED THREE NUNS OF SAINT JOSE DE COLUMY AND WOUNDED 15 YOUNG STUDENTS. COMMUNIQUE SAID, FURTHER, THAT AT NOON PUMA HELICOPTERS CARRIED CUBAN TROOPS BEHIND FNLA LINES TO RIGHT BANK OF THE RIVER CUNHO
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NGAMA, THE APPARENT OBJECTIVE BEING THE CAPTURE OF THE TOWN OF

HUAMBO. MPLA LEADERS HAVE ANNOUNCED HUAMBO WILL BE TAKEN FEBRUARY

4. COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT LOSS OF A TOWN CANNOT MEAN END OF POPULAR RESISTANCE, THAT 2.5 MILLION ANGOLANS WHO INHABIT CENTRAL REGION WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE CUBANS, MUCH LESS THE RUSSIANS WHO SEEK TO REPLACE THE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS.

2. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA FEBRUARY 3 CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH FLEC SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BALLU LUZI WHO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RANQUE FRANQUE IS NOT AN ENEMY. HE WAS REMOVED FROM LEADERSHIP BECAUSE OF INCOMPETENCE, AND HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE. NO ROOM OR POLITICS DURING ARMED STRUGGLE. IF RANQUE FRANQUE WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT OF CABINDA, LET HIM TRY LATER -- BUT, NOW HE DOES NOT REPRESENT CABINDAN PEOPLE. FLEC'S STRATEGY IS TO PRESS ARMED STRUGGLE AND CAMPAIGN FOR WORLD SYMPATHY AT SAME TIME. SOME PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE GROUND. ARMS AND MATERIEL HAVE BEEN SEIZED. THERE ARE ABOUT 1500 CABINDAN REFUGEES IN AREA CONTROLLED BY FLEC FORCES. THOUGH MPLA IS WELL ARMED, "JUST CAUSE WILL TRIUMPH", SINCE PEOPLE WILL RISE AGAINST THE OCCUPYING FORCE. CRITICIZED CONGOLESE MILITARY PRESENCE IN CABINDA NOTING THAT AFTER RECOGNIZING RIGHT OF CABINDANS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, NGOUABI SWITCHED POSITION FOR SAKE OF IDEOLOGY. NGOUABI COULD LOSE POWER OVER CABINDA QUESTION IF HE NOT CAREFUL. ASKED WHETHER HE SAW CABINDANS IN CONGO AS A THREAT, BALLU POINTED OUT THAT ATTEMPT TO FORM A RED-FLEC IN CONGO HAD FAILED. ON QUESTION OF ANGOLA, BALLU SAID THAT HE HOPES FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. SAID THAT FLEC IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE "GREAT RUSSIAN PEOPLE", BUT TO SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM. BALLU EXPRESSED REGRET AT HESITATION OF FREE WORLD WHICH SHOULD DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO REDRESS THE BALANCE OF POWER.
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